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Applicant CHEMETALL GMBH			

1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:

a. (*sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau*) a total of 14 sheets, as follows:

sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).

sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
 international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:

pages 1, 2, 6-35 as originally filed/furnished
 pages* 3-5, 5a received by this Authority on 24.12.2004 with the letter of 14.12.2004
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the claims:

nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished
 nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 nos.* 1-27 received by this Authority on 24.12.2004 with the letter of 14.12.2004
 nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the drawings:

sheets _____ as originally filed/furnished
 sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____

a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____
 the claims, nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 the sequence listing (specify): _____
 any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____

4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages _____
 the claims, nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 the sequence listing (specify): _____
 any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1 - 27	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1 - 27	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 27	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

1. Reference is made to the following documents:

D4: EP-A-1 130 132 (NIPPON PAINT CO LTD),
5 September 2001 (2001-09-05)
D5: DE 31 51 115 A (NIPPON KOKAN KK),
2 September 1982 (1982-09-02)

2. Documents D4 and D5 are both considered, to an equal extent, to be the closest prior art for the subject matter of claims 1 to 27.

Documents D4 and D5 disclose coating compositions and rinsing solutions that contain a film-forming agent, a metal chelate, a silane and silicic acid (see the claims in both documents).

The subject matter of claims 1 to 27 is novel over the disclosures of D4 and D5 (PCT Article 33(2)) because neither of these documents disclose the use of fluorine-containing silanes with fluorine-free silanes.

3.1 The problem solved by claims 1 to 27 can be seen as that of providing coating and rinsing processes which

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ensure improved corrosion protection. The examples show that the problem is solved by the use of fluorine-containing silanes together with fluorine-free silanes.

There is nothing in the prior art to suggest that this problem might be solved by use of fluorine-containing silanes together with fluorine-free silanes. The subject matter of claims 1 to 27 is therefore non-obvious and inventive (PCT Article 33(3)).